



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL AARON TAYLOR

### BOOK WEEK - READING IS MAGIC!

Thanks to all the children and parents for your efforts in preparing for and joining in the book week dress up day and attended the parade. The success of this event really does rely on everyone getting involved – so thanks again for your assistance.

### POETRY AFTERNOON - WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup>

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:20pm – 3:30pm, the school will be opening its doors for a poetry afternoon. Student have been creatively working on several poems which will be presented throughout the afternoon. Classrooms will be open to view completed works, as well, there will be a live recital.

### EFDCC-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE ARE DESPERATE! There are 3 remaining shifts to fill:

Thursday 3/10, 8:30am—5pm (x2)

Thursday 3/10, 8:30am—2pm

Volunteers can register directly online. at: <https://tinyurl.com/efdcc2024> or contact the school for assistance. The cut off is Friday. If not filled they will become open to other organisations.

All funds raised through this event are spent directly on the students. Last year’s contribution assisted with the resurfacing of our basketball courts. In previous years, it has been used on extensive upgrades to our literacy resources, completing our outdoor learning space with the tables and concreting and has also been used to subsidise some camps and excursions.

### CLUSTER ATHLETICS YR 3-6s – FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup>.

Our year 4-6 students will be heading to Bendigo on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>. The bus will be collecting students at



9am. Students need to bring their own lunch, drink and wear full school uniform. We ask that all students arrive to school by 8:50am, to ensure we can head off on time. Parents are welcome to attend this event, which is being held at the Athletics track in Flora Hill. If attending, please remember to bring a deck chair!

### FATHER’S DAY BREAKFAST – THURSDAY 29th

This event will be held on the lawns at the Elmore Medical Centre alongside families from OLSH and Shine Bright Kindergarten. Families are invited to attend from 8:10am. The Lions Club will again be providing egg and bacon sandwiches and there will be some fun activities for kids and their dad’s to participate in.

### FATHER’S DAY STALL – FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup>

On Friday 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding a Father’s Day stall from 9-11 for students to purchase a small gift to hide away before Father’s Day. The gifts range from 50c to \$5 and will be wrapped for the students. A massive thank you to Monique who has again, confidently completed all the preparations for this stall.

## EPS VALUES

### RESPECT

*We are thoughtful and socially responsible. We are considerate of others, our environment and ourselves*

### RESILIENCE

*We understand the importance of having high expectations and striving to achieve our personal best.*

### CITIZENSHIP

*We strive to build meaningful connections and contribute to the collective success of our school and the wider community.*

### INTEGRITY

*We are honest with ourselves and with others.*

We acknowledge the traditional land owners of Australia and we welcome all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people to our service.



**THANK YOU**

I'd like to acknowledge the hard work of Mal and Monique. Over the course of the past few weeks, Mal and Monique have taken it upon themselves to paint our school sign (at the corner of Margret and Michie St) as well as tidying the garden beds. This included weeding, pruning and replacing all garden edging! Your contributions to helping our school to look it's best are greatly appreciated!



**UNIFORM REMINDER**

While it has been great to enjoy the warmer weather over the week, it seem the temperature will be dipping. I'd like to kindly ask that parents please check that student jumpers are clearly labelled (with the current family or student name).

Those wishing to order any new uniforms are asked to see Tymika or myself, who can place the order directly with the supplier.

AND on another note....

**HATS ON**

A reminder that from Monday September 2, it is Department of Education and school policy that school broad brim or bucket hats are worn outside. We will remind all students that it is time to have hats on again, and we look forward to your support in encouraging your children to wear their hats.

**2024 PARENT / CAREGIVER / GUARDIAN OPINION SURVEY**

All families have been invited via uEducateUs to participate in the survey. Our school is conducting the annual Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey offered by the Department of Education and is seeking your feedback. The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, and student engagement. The survey is optional, but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

The Parent / Caregiver / Guardian Opinion Survey will be open online until Friday 30th August 2024.

# Week 4 Award Winners

Congratulations to our award winners



Gen, Ash, Xander & Harlow

**DATES TO REMEMBER—2024**

Fortnightly Activities		
Wednesday 21st	2.30pm-3.20pm	Poetry Afternoon
Friday 23rd	All Day	Cluster Athletics– Bendigo
Thursday 29th	8.00am	Father's Day Breakfast @ Elmore Health
Tuesday 3rd		Book Club Issue 6 orders due
SEPTEMBER 2024		
Sunday 15th	9am-12pm	Working Bee
Friday 20th		Last Day Term 3– 2.20 finish
OCTOBER 2024		
Tuesday 1st-Thursday 3rd		Elmore Field Days
Monday 7th		Term 4 Begins
Wednesday 16th- Friday 18th		3/4 Camp
Tuesday 22nd– Thursday 24th		5/6 Camp
NOVEMBER 2024		
Monday 4th		Student Free Day
Tuesday 5th		Melbourne Cup

# Prep -2- WILD CROCODILES



Our wild crocodiles have been Cody and Jack S.

## 100 Days Brighter

Last week we celebrated 100 days Brighter. Students came dressed in their brightest outfits and enjoyed a fractions party where they had to cut the party food into different fractions. Another highlight was using an ageing app to see what we would look like when we are 100 and then wrote about what life might be like when they reach the ripe old age of 100. These writing pieces are displayed just outside our classroom, please come have a look next time you're in the school. Photos later in the newsletter.

## Literacy

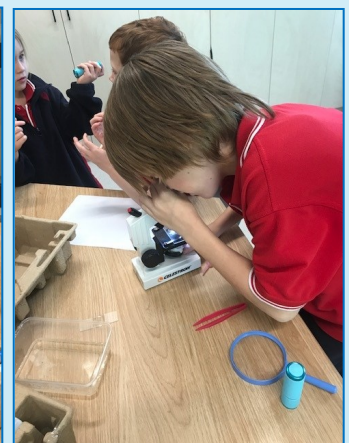
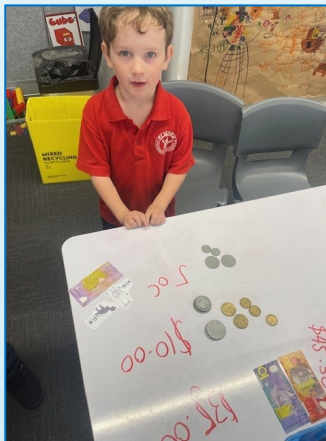
We are wrapping up our poetry unit with a Poetry Afternoon tomorrow. Please come along and enjoy browsing through the incredible pieces our wild crocodiles have produced over the last few weeks. Students have also recorded themselves reading one of their favourite poems, our focus of this has been practicing speaking clearly using appropriate voice and pace. Mrs Stanford has compiled our recordings and these will be played during our poetry afternoon.

## Numeracy

One of our numeracy focuses has been on money and financial mathematics. We have been investigating ways of calculating amounts of coins and notes, thinking about different counting strategies; counting by 5, 10, 20 and 50 to find our totals.

Any concerns please see myself or Helen.

Cheers Daisy and Helen.





# Grades 3/6

## Rocking Roo's

Welcome to Term 3, Week 6. It is crazy how fast this term is going, but at the same time it has been awesome to see so many of our students making such great progress.



### Book Week

Monday saw the students don their costumes of their favourite characters for Book Week. Gracing the hallways of EPS we saw an old man, a fisherman, an adventurer, footballers, wizards, and aliens. It is always great to see the students get in the spirit of Book Week and have a bit of fun.

As part of the Book Week celebrations, we were lucky enough to be invited over to OLSH to watch a performance by 'The Blurbs', they enthralled the students with songs, magic, and laughs. The show was a hit with the students with plenty of laughs coming from the crowd. A highlight of the show was 'The Amazing Spiderman' (Xander) defeating Mr Gibbs in an arm wrestle test of strength. Photos later in the newsletter.

### Crazy Hair and Sock Day

Last Friday, the Junior School Council held a fundraiser for new sports equipment, where students came to school with crazy hair or socks. There was plenty of wacky and crazy hairstyles as well as some fancy socks. Well done to all the students for participating and raising some money. Photos later in the newsletter.

### Poetry Showcase

Over the last 5 weeks, students in the senior classroom have been learning and writing about all things poetry and because of this we want to showcase all our students' brilliant work. Our Poetry Showcase is taking place Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August at 2.30pm. We hope to see you all come along and celebrate the fantastic poetry that our students have produced.

### Athletics

Don't forget that the Cluster Athletics is this Friday being held in Bendigo. Students will be travelling by bus with students of OLSH, leaving at 9am, so get to school on time senior students. They will return before school pick up.

MORE INFO & BOOK TICKETS

BENDIGO

# BIRTH & BABY EXPO

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# Crazy Hair Silly Sock



# 100 Days Brighter







# Book Week 2024

